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SUBJ: DECOMPOSITION OF PL 480 GRAINS SACKING

1. RFFPO WOODS AND FAO/OSRO CHIEF LOGISTIC OFFICER TREVOR PAGE VISITED ROSSO AND NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA, SUNDAY MAY 26, TO CARRY OUT ON-SITE INSPECTION GRAIN STORAGE AND PORT CONDITIONS.

2. DURING VISIT ROSSO, WOOD AND PAGE ADVISED BY LOCAL WFP REP THAT PL 480 SACKS DECOMPOSING UPON EXPOSURE TO HARSH WEATHER

CONDITIONS IN OPEN STORAGE ROSSO- BAGS BECOME BRITTLE AND BREAK AFTER APPROX ONE MONTH OPEN AIR STORAGE. LOCAL HIRE END-USE CHECKER FOR ADO/DAKAR WHO HAS MADE TWO TRIPS ROSSO CORROBORATES WFP REPORT AND HAS TOLD WOODS THAT ESTIMATED 30 PERCENT USG GRAIN AT ROSSO PRESENTLY IN BURST/ DECOMPOSING SACKS. PAGE ADVISES THAT DURING DAKAR PORT INSPECTION MORNING MAY 28 HE CLIMBED UP ON USG PL 480 SORGHUM UNDER WFP- SENEGAL PROGRAM IN OPEN STORAGE DAKAR PORT AND SACKS BROKE OPEN EVERY TIME HE TOOK A STEP. GRAIN ARRIVED PORT ON ALBANY (?), MARCH 25. WFP REP DAKAR MAKING FULL REPORT ROSSO CONDITIONS AND DAKAR PORT, POUCHING SAMPLE BURST BAGS TO WFP/ROME FOR ANALYSIS A
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COMMENT TO FFP.

3. ACCORDING PAGE, SAME PROBLEM WITH USG SACKING EXISTS THROU-
GHOUT SAHEL WHEN SACKS LEFT IN OPEN SUN, UNPROTECTED. STORAGE
OR COVERAGE SOLVES PROBLEM AND DELAYS DECOMPOSITION. PAGE ESTIMATED,
AS DID KEEPER OF ROSSO STORAGE AREA, THAT PILES OF US GRAIN LEFT
IN OPEN SUN WILL HAVE TOP/SIDE/BOTTOM TWO LAYERS OF BAGS IN
DAMAGED CONDITION AFTER ONE MONTH EXPOSURE, WITH INCREASED DAMAGE
BEYOND THAT PERIOD.

4. RDO WILL ATTEMPT ARRANGE ADEQUATE COVERED STORAGE PROTECT
PL 480 GRAIN CURRENTLY IN OPEN SUN DAKAR. SITUATION IN ROSSO MORE
DIFFICULT, BUT IF AID/W PROVIDES FUNDS REQUESTED
FOR 80 TARPAULINS IN SEPTTEL TODAY, SITUATION THERE WILL BE
SUBSTANTIALLY IMPROVED IN NEAR FUTURE. FYI WFP REPORTS THEY BOUGHT
40 TARPS FOR ROSSO (10,000 SQ METERS OF COVERAGE), BUT TARPS
ARE HELD UP BY CUSTOMS BECAUSE THEY LACK A COMPLETE DOSSIER.
MIN OF HEALTH PLANS TO TAKE 20 OF THE TARPS TO NOUAKCHOTT.
END FYI.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) IN VIEW SERIOUSNESS SACK DECOMPOSITION
(REDSO/WA LOGISTICS SPECIALIST DOERR AVERS THAT USG GRAIN IN CLOSED
STORAGE APPEARS GOOD CONDITION), REQUEST AID/W ESTABLISH R&R OR
OTHER FUNDING IMMEDIATELY PERMIT RFFPO DAKAR BUY LOCALLY AVAIL-
ABLE SACKING. FYI 15,000 BANGLADESH B-TWILL 100 KILO BAGS
OF EXCELLENT QUALITY AVAILABLE AT 60 US CENTS PER BAG.
RFFPO ADVISES EACH BAG SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF HOLDING 86-90 KGS.
SORGHUM, ALLOWING NET RE-BAGGING OF APPROX 1275-1350 MT TO
START. NO ESTIMATE OF QUANTITY TO BE REBAGGED, BUT SUGGEST
MINIMUM OF 5000 MT FOR DAKAR/ROSSO. END FYI;(2) PROMPT AID/W
ACTION ON REQUEST FOR FUNDS FOR TARP PURCHASE-OPTION TO BUY
EXPIRES 1500 HOURS LOCAL DAKAR MAY 31; AND (3) IN ADDITION,
REQUEST FFP PROVIDE ON URGENT BASIS BAGGING/STORAGE SPECIALISTS
FOR CONSULTATION WITH RFFPO IN ATTEMPT ELIMINATE THIS PROBLEM
IN FUTURE.
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